

REMARKS

The Office Action, mailed August 18, 2005, considered claims 1-10. Claims 1-10 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 and 1-11 of U.S. patents 6,907,591 and 6,883,148. In addition, claims 1-10 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11; 1-9; and 1-11 of copending applications 10/062,193; 10/066,326; and 10/062,196, respectively. Applicants note applications 10/062,193 and 10/066,326 are now U.S. patents 6,883,148 and 6,892,396, respectively.

Furthermore, the Examiner stated that the double patenting rejection can be overcome by timely filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Applicants are concurrently filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the provisional and actual obviousness-type double patenting rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Inasmuch as this resolves all of the rejections of record, it is submitted that all the claims, namely claims 1-10, are in condition for allowance. Therefore, a favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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